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## THE REVOLUTION

### Dr Fleming Takes Howells To Task Regarding Travelyan's History

Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, in his inimitable way in his address on commemoration day at Randolph-Macon College, said: "While every other section of our country preserved their history with pride we took pride in not preserving ours."

With this as his text, Rev. Dr. R. H. Fleming, of this city, recently wrote the following to an exchange:

"One of the notable books from a literary point of view, of the present time, is 'The American Revolution,' by S. G. George Otto Travelyan. It was a matter of congratulation when the first volume came from the press that here was an Englishman, a man of letters of honored name, who was ready to do justice to the motives and deeds of the men of '76.

Volume III is scarcely dry from the press when W. D. Howells, well and favorably known as a writer of fiction and also of essays of fine literary quality, writes (see the June number of the North American Review) of the Justice of a friend."

Master of the pen, he can scarcely find words in which to express high appreciation of Travelyan's work. He says: "I think the reader, let him have read never so widely, will find them (passage which relate to our officers) of a fresh and very enlightening charm. The word poorly indicates their full effect, but it has been tempting me from the beginning of its prime fitness for this most friendly, but never too friendly, historian's work. It is felt not only in his treatment of men, this man or that, but in his treatment of events and of local and general character. I get from his history, as I have got from no other, the consciousness that the fighting blood in the Revolution came in a vastly prevalent current from New England; that New England which was so little understood then or afterwards; that the showier and savagery section were supposed to be its superior in soldiery. The republicanism also came mostly from New England, the faith and the work of human equality, though the orators and statesmen of the South phrased those qualities better."

"From time to time our author turns a point of this fact to the light and casts a luminous gleam over the whole situation. It was the stuff of the Massachusetts commonsense and the Virginia partrick out of which the Revolution fashioned itself and kept itself alive; but Virginia became to believe in slavery and Massachusetts always believed in liberty, and so the highest thinking and the noble doing boins this day in Massachusetts and not in Virginia.

Perhaps one should not take Howells too seriously. He is a writer of fiction and doubtless a reader of fiction. There are, however, some things which Bancroft and Woodrow Wilson and others have written which the true. When one recalls the names of Virginia who with sword and pen were leaders in the Revolution, the frames of its immortal declaration and constitution—whose name can never die—there is but pity in the heart for one who can at this day write 'savagery section and supposed to be superior in soldier ship.'

It is an attempt of one literary man to compliment another literary man, and in doing so he unveils his own ignorance of the history of his own country.—Lynchburg News.

## ELIMINATING THE NEGRO

After refusing seats to over one hundred negroes who appealed as contesting delegates at the Republican national convention the colored brother was permitted to preside over the convention one day last week, in the person of D. D. Dismen of Illinois, while Chairman Lodge made a speech placing Governor Guide before the convention for the vice presidency. The absence of the negro from this convention outside of the liberal sprinkle that West Virginia furnished was a cause for comment.

Robert Lincoln O'Brien, managing editor of the Boston Transcript said: This is whitest republican convention since the civil war. The small number of colored delegates admitted by the national committee to its temporary roll will be the subject of considerable comment before the campaign is over not only by the colored people themselves, but by their friends of abolitionist antecedents. There is something pathetic almost in the position of the negro in this convention, formerly while he had little to do with the election, he was quite a factor at the convention as it was his one day of political prominence. The view of the delegates as seen from the platform in the old convention, was striking by reason of its cloud of dark faces over great sections of the hall.

"But this is symptomatic of the times. It marks the declining in fluence of the black man in American politics. This is not the work of any one convention, but it representative of a tendency which has long been in operation. A white republican party is growing up in the south; Republicanism has gained new strength in the border states and new and young white men are eager to take up its cause. Doubtless the development of this campaign contributed materially in this direction. The contesting delegations contained approximately 100 more colored men than the delegations of the south which have been seated. It was natural that this should be. Brownsville prejudiced the negro against the Taft candidacy. He naturally furnished material for the contesting business, as it spread through the south."

While two freight trains were passing each other, near Low Moor, Virginia, a car became derailed and wrecked both trains. Traffic was blocked fourteen hours. Hundreds of trains pass each other daily on the C. & O., but this is the first time in the history of the road that accident of this kind has occurred.

A wave of crime and disaster swept over the town to Bluefield two days of last week, and as a result nine persons are dead and one is dying from accidents in railway wrecks and criminal violence.

Last week twenty four papers manufacturers were fined \$2,000 each in the United States Circuit Court for maintaining an illegal combination in restraint of trade. Since their combination two years ago the price of manilla wrapping paper had advanced \$16 a ton. One of the manufacturers fined was the Parsons Paper Company of Parsons. The fine amounts to about the profits on a day's product.

A little child died of hydrophobia in a Charleston hospital last week. Some months ago she was bitten in the hand by a pet dog.

A twenty story office building will be erected Charleston.

## Hon. E. I. Holt for Auditor

Hon. E. I. Holt, of Pocahontas county, has decided to offer for the nomination for Auditor, at the Charleston Convention, July 29. Besides being from a county that has been consistently Democratic, though it has never been honored with a nomination on the State ticket, Mr. Holt has the ability to and would certainly make as good an Auditor as the State has ever had and considering J. S. Miller, P. F. Duffy, and other popular Democrats who have held that important office, that is not saying too much for Mr. Holt.

Having an extensive acquaintance through the State and will no doubt have many friends and active supporters from every section of it, and would receive the nomination will do much towards redeeming West Virginia from Republican misrule, and restoring it to the promoters of good government—the Democratic party. Let us adorn and strengthen our ticket with the name of E. I. Holt for Auditor.—Greenbrier Valley Democrat.

The Randolph Enterprise of last week prints a likeness of E. I. Holt, of Academy, and the following account of his life:

Mr. Holt was born in Craig County, Virginia, in 1861. When he was nine years old his father, Judge J. Holt, moved his family to Hamton in Lincoln County, this State. During his childhood and early youth he attended the public schools of Lincoln County and at the age of 14 he had completed with distinction the course required in the High School at Hamlin.

When he was 15 years old he began teaching, and at 17 was made principal of the High School at Hamlin which position he held for two years.

In 1884 he came to Pocahontas County and entered the mercantile business at Academy, and since that time has been engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1889 Mr. Holt was married to Miss Lucie Marshall second daughter of Capt. J. W. Marshall of Randolph County.

Since Mr. Holt cast his first ballot he has been a faithful and earnest devotee of the principals of Jefferson and an active and effectual worker for the success of the great Democratic party. For fifteen years he was chairman of the Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee, during which time not a Republican was elected to a county, and the Democratic majority for the entire ticket could always be relied upon in the good old County of Pocahontas.

In 1896 Mr. Holt was the Democratic nominee for State Senator for the Senatorial District composed of the counties of Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers, and Fayette. He made a gallant fight but owing to the fact that the District as then constituted was overwhelmingly Republican he went down with his party in defeat; but in his District he received over 400 more votes than the Democratic Candidate for President.

Mr. Holt is a man of a pleasing manner, genial disposition, and kind hearted, possessing strong individuality and splendid address; he is a forceful, fluent, and eloquent speaker, and one of the very best campaigners in his part of the State. Should he be nominated by the Democratic State Convention on the 29th of July for the Office of Auditor of West Virginia, he would contribute as much as any one could possibly do towards bringing about the success of the democratic State

## Ticket at the election in November

Mr. Holt would not only add strength to the Democratic State Ticket and contribute much toward the success of his party at the polls, but he is a man, idly qualified to discharge the duties of the very important office to which he aspires. In business he is diligent, active, and careful, and with him as Auditor the financial affairs of the people of West Virginia would be in safe and trustworthy hands.

Honorable Pocahontas County has never been honored by having so many nominees on the Democratic State Ticket. Now is the opportunity time, and we believe Pocahontas has no son who should not be delighted to see honored than the Hon. E. I. Holt.

George W. McKiver has given up a piece of Indian earthenware found on his farm. Some time at the site of the old Young Mountain, one of the first cabins to be erected in his part of the state, he found an old hoe which had evidently been brought here by the pioneer. The eye was like that of an axe, and though badly rusted now it had evidently been very large and heavy.

Preliminary steps looking to the adjudication of the Virginia West Virginia debt suits, now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, were taken at a conference held here today by two former Representative Chas. E. Littlefield, of Maine, and Counsel for the two states. It was decided that the first formal hearing in the case shall be held at Richmond, Va., November 9, next, before Mr. Littlefield, the master in the proceedings.

## TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to authority vested in the undersigned as trustee by a deed of trust executed by Mettie Ratliff and W. B. Ratliff her husband, of record in the office of the clerk of the county Clerk of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, in trust deed book No. 4 at page 411, dated on the 30th day of May, 1907, to secure the payment of a certain note of \$1500 with interest, and default having been made in the payment thereof, I will proceed to sell by way of public auction to the highest bidder, at 1 o'clock p. m., on the 3rd day of July, 1908, at the front door of the court house of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, the following described property, to-wit:

That certain lot or parcel of land in the town of Marlinton, Pocahontas county, West Virginia, known as lot 11, in block 54 of the proper plat of said town of Marlinton. Said lot has upon it a large and commodious dwelling house and will make a comfortable home. Terms of Sale: Cash.

CALVIN W. PRICE, Trustee.

The above sale is continued to the 2nd day of August, 1908, at the same hour and at the same place.

CALVIN W. PRICE, Trustee.

Randolph county Democrats in mass convention last week selected delegates to the various state, congressional and senatorial conventions: Bennett for governor, gets all the 25 delegates to the state convention. Helmick was endorsed for superintendent of schools, Henry G. Davis is one of the delegates. Hiner was endorsed for congress. The convention adopted appropriate resolutions touching upon the death of Grover Cleveland and O. Wood Daily.

## As I travel over the State, in many places I see indications of neglect and indifference in the care of school property.

In some places even in towns and villages, the doors of the school houses stand open, the yards are overgrown with weeds and a general appearance of neglect is noticeable. In one place I saw sheep and cattle in the school house. This is not as it should be and such neglect does not speak well for a community. Two trustees living nearest the school house should be especially authorized to take charge of the school building and all school property. In many places school libraries and apparatus have been purchased and these things should all be very carefully looked after and preserved for school purposes. The taxpayers have a right to complain when they see the property purchased with their money in a state of such neglect. Let there be an awakened sentiment every where in the State as to the protection and care of school property. Let the school house and grounds be made attractive there will not be so much danger of injury and destruction.

Blank applications have been sent to the County Superintendents for the renewal of Number one certificates as provided for under section 87. Any teacher not having received a copy of this blank will be furnished the same by writing to this Department. As will be noticed, it must be carefully filled out by the applicant, and accompanied by the fee of \$2.00 and the original certificate, it must be sent to the County Superintendent who will forward it to this Department for consideration. Teachers should make application through the county in which the original certificate was issued, as that Superintendent has his record. It will be seen that it is necessary to keep an accurate list of all certificates issued, hence this requirement that the application shall be made through the County Superintendent.

In response to a general desire which has been expressed by the teachers and school officers of the State for the preservation of the famous Mound at Moundsville, I have assumed to appoint a day to be observed in the schools of the State to be known as "Mound Day." The date so chosen is Thursday, Oct. 8, 1908. It is suggested that on that occasion a special study be made concerning the Moundbuilders. While of course there is much difference of opinion as to their origin, the age in which they lived, and the purpose for which they erected the mounds, nevertheless a great deal of valuable information can be obtained relative to this pre-historic race. It is believed that the occasion may be made a very profitable one in a literary and historical sense, and, furthermore, that it may result in an awakened interest in the preservation of the famous landmark in Marshall County. It is probable that an effort will be made to raise funds at this time with which to aid in purchasing the Mound. Further consultation will be had on this subject, and if superintendents and principals of schools, at the opening of the term this fall think favorably of making such an effort, plans and definite instructions will be outlined. The Daughters of the Revolution, the Grand Army of the Republic, and other patriotic organizations in the State have passed resolutions urging that the Mound be preserved, and I fully believe that a concerted effort on part of the people of the State, would lead to the raising of a very handsome sum for this purpose. Early in the fall further reference will be made to the subject of "Mound Day"—T. C. Miller, State Superintendent.

## Floods Are To Be Controlled

A. H. Horton, of the United States Government Survey, arrived in Newport yesterday and opened up offices in the Newport post office building, what will be his headquarters for five years while surveys and surveys are being made that will form the basis of a report as to just what is necessary in the way of reservoirs and their respective in order to control two floods along the Ohio river.

"The work that we have undertaken," said Mr. Horton, "is a natural sequence of the calling to order by President Roosevelt as the Commissioner for the Conservation of the Natural Resources of the Country. It embraces three great ideas—first, the betterment of the Ohio River and its tributaries as a source of water power; second, the conservation of the forest—for we all know that floods are dangerous to them; third and most important, the control of the floods to such an extent that they will be robbed of at least 18 per cent of their violence.

"As far as we know now it is estimated that about 100 reservoirs, located near the head waters of the Ohio, for we must go to the mountains portions of the country in order to be able to secure dams sites, will be necessary, and that their probable cost will be \$125,000,000. Our work will be to establish stations at various points along the Ohio River and each of its tributaries, where for five years, the amount of water in gallons that will pass each hour and day, together with the speed of the current, will be secured. In this way we will secure for the Government a perfect record of the Ohio River all of its varying moods, flood tide and low water spring and fall freshet, winter and summer stages. With these figures, which will tell also by computation how much water comes off each shed that drains its water into the Ohio Valley, we will be able to ascertain to a nicety just what can be done in the way of flood control. "Now, as to the run offs, which is the name we give to the carrying off of the water from the watershed the nearer we go to headwater the steeper the slopes become, so that we have quicker run offs in the mountains. That is why we must take the readings at all portions of the river from its source in order to determine just exactly what is necessary.—Parkersburg News.

Attorney W. E. R. Bryne, of Charleston, who was the secretary of Wheeling Democratic convention, last month, has received official notifications of his appointment as reading clerk at the democratic national convention to be held at Denver, July 10th.

The appointment of Mr. Bryne came at a surprise that gentleman as it was not expected. The appointment was made at the meeting of the democratic national committee at Chicago last week, which was attended by Col. John T. McGraw, the national committeeman from this state.

The Charleston contingent to the Denver convention will go to that city in a special car for which arrangements are about complete. On the same train will be a large number of the delegation from the southern section to the state. Gazette.

Rev. D. S. Beggs, President of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, will pay his official visit to the Marlinton circuit July 17th to 19th, will preach at the Droop Mountain church Friday night, 17th, Buckeye Sunday morning, 19th, and at Fairview Sunday night, 19th.

## In the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of West Virginia,

In the matter of Theodore G. Hosterman, Bankrupt, in Bankruptcy, No. 312.

To the creditors of Theodore G. Hosterman, in the county of Pocahontas, and district as aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of June, A. D., 1908, the said Theodore G. Hosterman was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office in the Citizens National Bank Building, Charleston, Kentucky County, West Virginia, on the 20th day of July, 1908, to elect in the forenoon at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, enter orders of sale, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

W. G. MATHEWS, June 25, 1908. Refer in Bankruptcy.

Notice of Dedication. Mount Union church at Waverly will be dedicated July 5th. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Rev. J. S. Wickline and Rev. A. M. Cackley, D. D. Other eminent ministers will be present. Arrangements will be made to accommodate all who wish to come on Sunday. Everybody cordially invited to come.

C. C. WAINLESS Chairman. J. W. OLIVER FOR THE CAMPAIGN

The Daily Register, except Sunday will be sent from now until after the election Nov. 7th, to any address outside of the City of Wheeling for \$1.00 payable in advance. This is a specially low campaign for the Daily Register and every reader of this paper wishing to keep thoroughly posted on State and National politics should send in their name and money immediately.

The Weekly Register will be sent from now until after the election Nov. 7th, for 25 cent in advance. Address Register, Wheeling, W. Va. Subscription Dept.

Notice of Dissolution. The partnership heretofore existing between C. C. Dunsmore and B. S. Wallace, under the firm name of Dunsmore & Wallace, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 22nd day of June, 1908. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said firm are notified to settle at once with either of the undersigned. Thanking our friends for past patronage, and continuance of same is desired by C. C. Dunsmore who will continue the business at the old stand.

C. C. DUNSMORE, B. S. WALLACE. Notice. Having closed up my blacksmith shop at Millpoint and discontinuing the business thereof, hereby give notice to all parties indebted to me by open account in notes to call and settle not later than July 15th.

W. L. HOESLY, 4 weeks. FOR SALE—Two pair heavy Percheron colts for sale or will trade for good young cattle. Address H. H. Slavin, Meadow Dale.

What He Felt. There was a young man who declared, "For learning things I have prepared; When folks know all I know I'll be ready to go— But I feel that for years I'll be spared."